PumpkinScissors

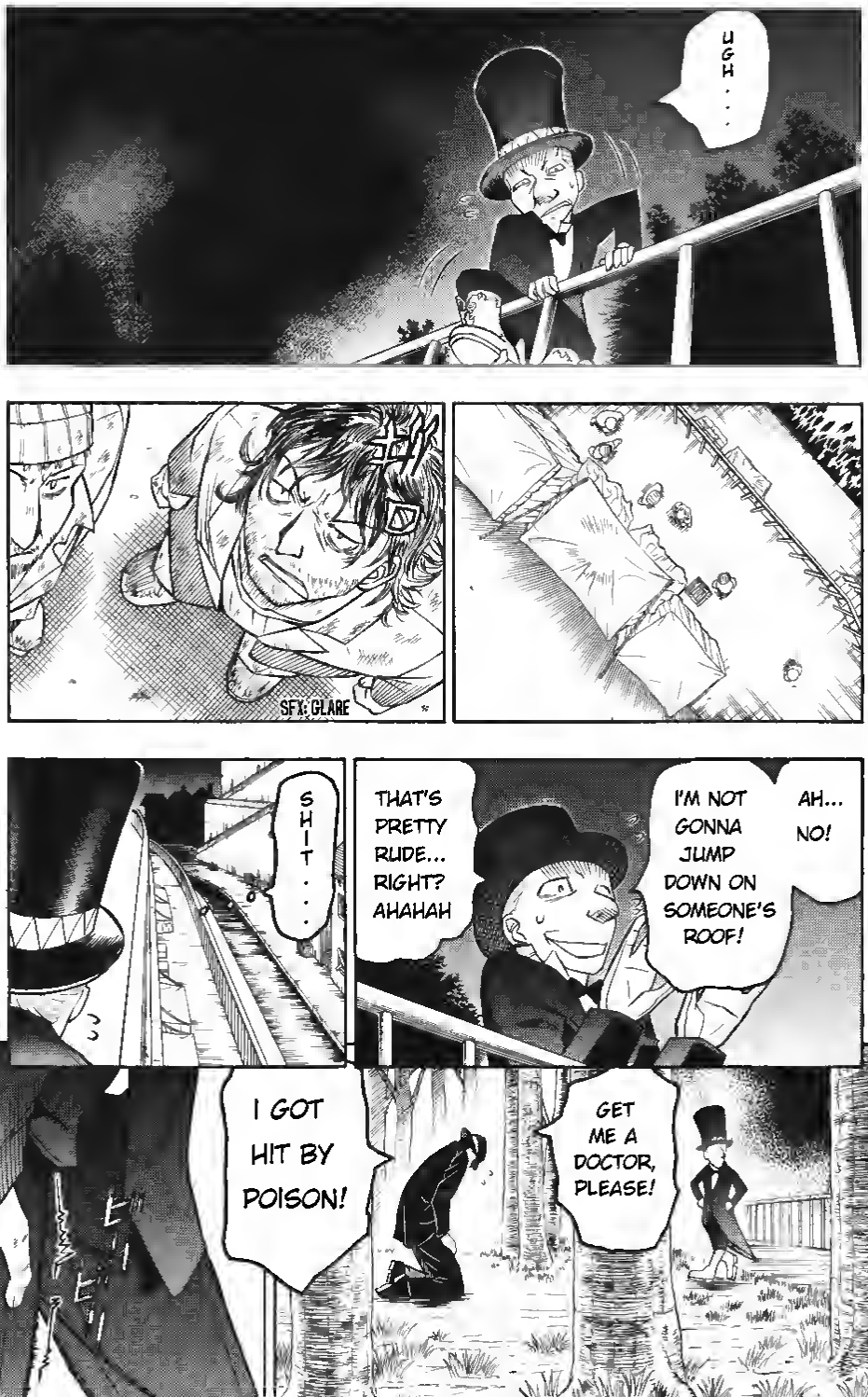
GRAB
MMPH!
MMPH!
OH, GEEZ...
I REALLY DON'T LIKE KILLING BRATS.
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS, JUST FINISH HER QUICKLY.
I KNOW.
SHIVER.
GOODBYE
STAB

JOLT
WHA...
?
OUCH!? IT STINGS?!
WHAT... WHAT THE HELL!?
RUN!
C.J. !!

SNIPES!!
SFX: FWOOSH
!

SNIPES!
IF WE SIMPLY RUN, WITH OUR SPEED, THEY'LL CATCH UP SOON.
WE NEED TO GAIN DISTANCE!
DISTANCE EH, WHAT .?
IT'S POISONED!?
DON'T TELL ME ...

K...
HOP!
KYAA AAAA AAAA
AA AA AA AH!!!
CRASH
I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!
YOU FUCKING BRATS!
HURRY, C.J. !!
CRASH
WHAT THE... FUCK YOU, BRATS!
I'LL KILL YOU!!


UGH...
SFX: GLARE
SHIT...
THAT'S PRETTY RUDE... RIGHT? AHAHAH
I'M NOT GONNA JUMP DOWN ON SOMEONE'S ROOF!
AH... NO!
I GOT HIT BY POISON!
GET ME A DOCTOR, PLEASE!

IT'S NOT POISON.
BRATS IN THIS AREA OFTEN PLAY AROUND SOME KIND OF DRUG.
SOMETHING THEY MADE BY MASHING BUGS AND PLANTS.
THERE ARE BUGS AND PLANTS THAT CONTAIN DEADLY POISON, YOU KNOW!?
IT SUDDENLY ITCHES!!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
AUGH! IT ITCHES!
AFTER THAT, YOUR WHOLE BODY STARTS TO ITCH; IT'LL LAST FOR A WHOLE DAY.
OH!
gasp
IT HURTS SO MUCH THAT YOUR MUSCLES BECOME STIFF AT FIRST, BUT IT WILL SETTLE DOWN QUICKLY.
WELL, YEAH.
ポリッ
YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE BRATS?
THEY KNOW OF MY BETRAYAL, I NEED TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS TOWN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
BUT I'M QUITTING, OKAY?
I CAN CERTAINLY TELL YOU THAT.
SO WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

CLINK
I'M GOING TO LIVE AN EASY LIFE OUTSIDE WHERE THERE'S NO GRANDMA.
I'VE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED ENOUGH, HAVEN'T I?
HEY!
YOU WANT TO BE KILLED HERE BY ME?
INSTEAD OF BY GRANDMA OR BOLMONT,
WILL BE FOUND DEAD IN GRANDMA'S TERRITORY.
WE NEED TO MAKE IT SO THAT BOLMONT FACTION'S CARADYNE
CHANGE OF PLANS.
NO...NO WAY MISTER!
IT WAS JUST A JOKE TO LIGHTEN THE ATMOSPHERE!
WELL, I DON'T KNOW CARADYNE'S FACE.
AT ANY RATE...
CERTAINLY, THIS WAY I CAN FINISH THE JOB WITHOUT SHOWING MY FACE.
KILL HIM ON THE WAY TO THE CAT MANSION, CORRECT?
SO, DON'T KILL HIM IN THE CAT MANSION,

LOOKS LIKE IT'S BROKEN.
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE COULD FINISH OFF THOSE BRATS...
Do-don't cling to me so much!
Uwah!
GRAB
SPLASH
WHEN WE WERE FINALLY IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE, I FELL INTO A GUTTER.
ERR... THAT'S...
IT'S FROM WHEN YOU JUMPED DOWN, HUH?
I WASN'T THERE WHEN IT MATTERED...!!
EVEN THOUGH I RETURNED HERE TO PROTECT YOU...
SORRY...
Hey
NO!
I WANTED THEM TO GO HOME SO WE COULD TALK ALONE
DAMN! I'M PA-THETIC!
THAT'S BECAUSE I ASKED YOU TO!
I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD EVERYONE TO GO HOME FIRST.
THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, BRO.

Come on, read the mood!
BIG BRO TOLD US TO WAIT UNTIL C.J. GOT BACK, BUT...
I FORCED YOU TO GO HOME.
IT'S NOT BIG BRO'S OR SNIPES' FAULT.

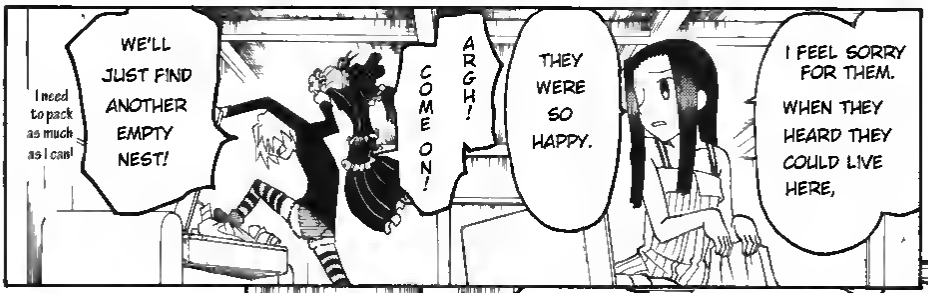
NO, AS THE OLD-ER-
LIKE I SAID, IT'S MY FAULT!!
IF I DIDN'T GO ALONE IN THE FIRST PLACE...!
YOU'RE WRONG! IT'S BE-CAUSE OF MY SECRET INTENTION!
NO! I'M THE OLDER ONE, SO I SHOULD'VE BEEN-

SCISSORS!
BASH
PUMPKIN

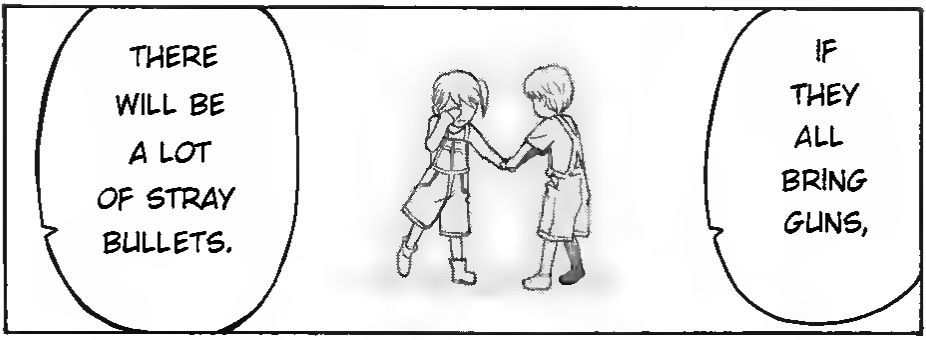
silence
...WHAT WAS THAT...
SETTLE DOWN!

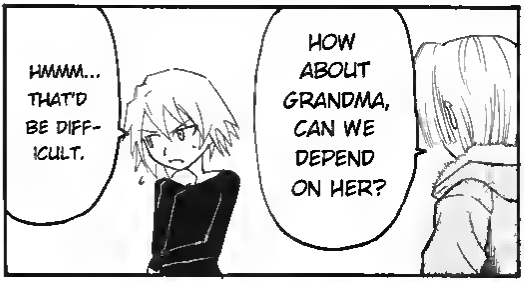
UWEEEEEEEHH

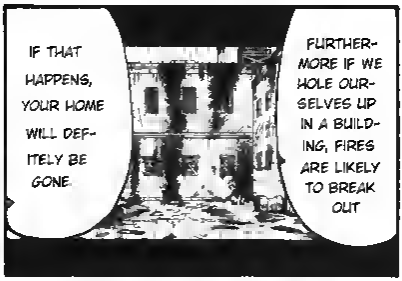
Hweeeee
Just for a while!
BAD GUYS WILL COME, SO WE HAVE TO MOVE!
WE CAN'T!
Uwee
I WANT TO STAY IN THIS HOUSE FOREVER~
NOO?

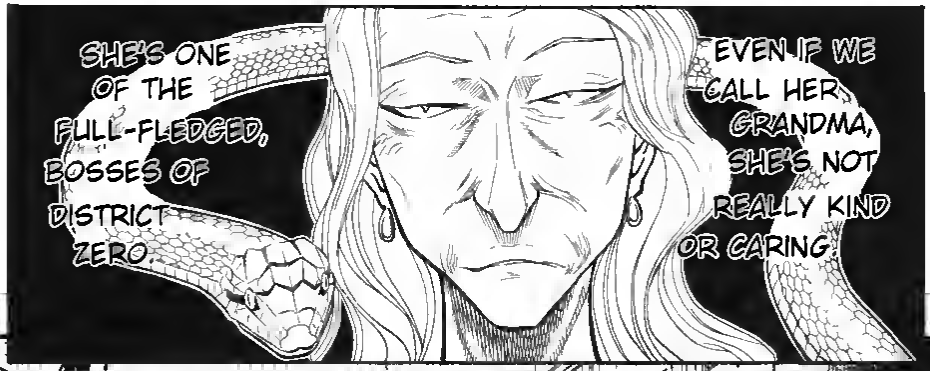

I need to pack as much as I can!
WE'LL JUST FIND ANOTHER EMPTY NEST!
ARGH! COME ON!
THEY WERE SO HAPPY.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM. WHEN THEY HEARD THEY COULD LIVE HERE,

THE ENEMY MIGHT BRING A LOT OF ALLIES.
CAN'T WE JUST SET UP AN AMBUSH HERE!?
YOU'RE A SOLDIER, AREN'T YOU?


THERE WILL BE A LOT OF STRAY BULLETS.
IF THEY ALL BRING GUNS,


HMMM... THAT'D BE DIFF-ICULT.
HOW ABOUT GRANDMA, CAN WE DEPEND ON HER?

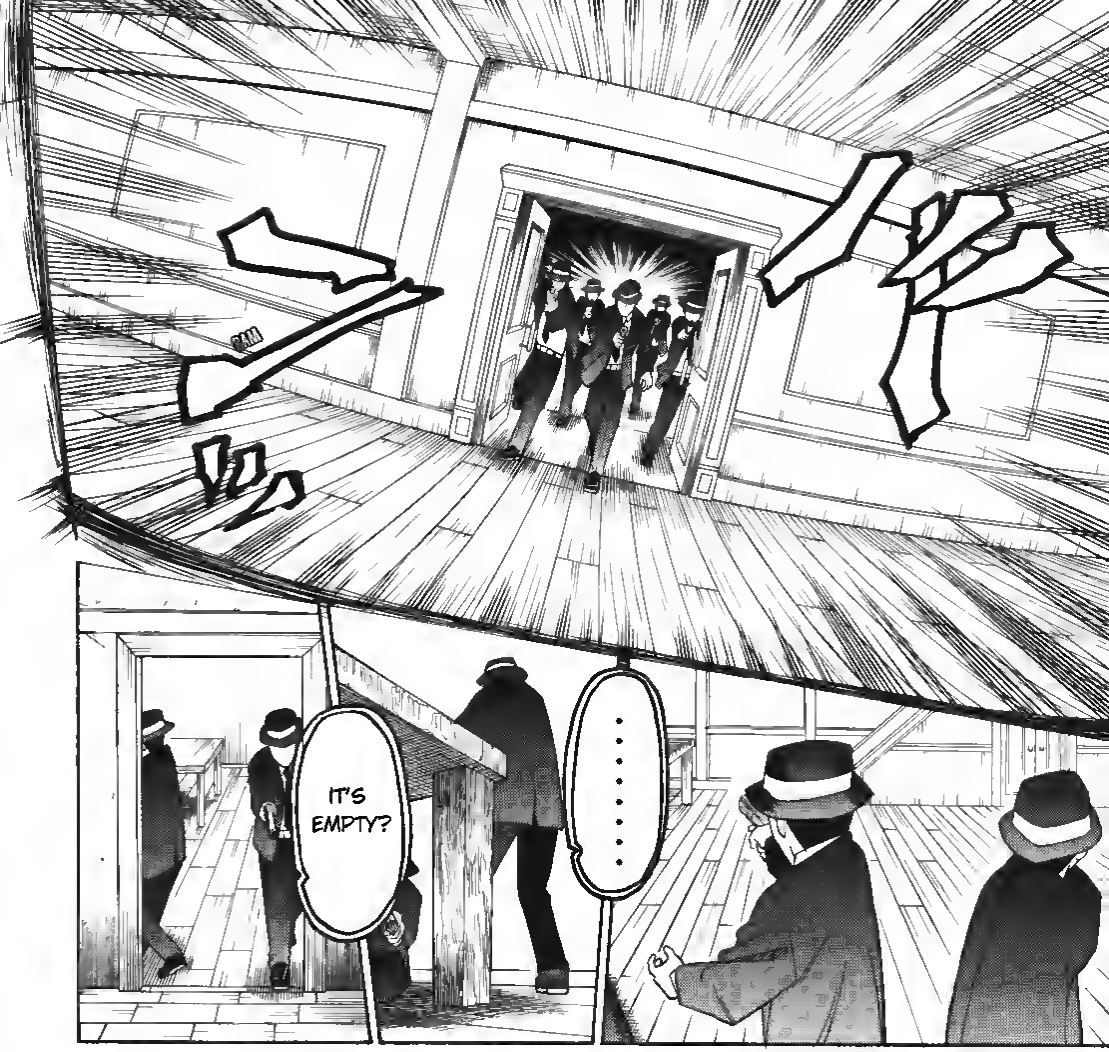

IF THAT HAPPENS, YOUR HOME WILL DEF-ITELY BE GONE.
FURTHER-MORE IF WE HOLE OUR-SELVES UP IN A BUILD-ING, FIRES ARE LIKELY TO BREAK OUT


SHE'S ONE OF THE FULL-FLEDGED, BOSSES OF DISTRICT ZERO.
EVEN IF WE CALL HER GRANDMA, SHE'S NOT REALLY KIND OR CARING.

SO SHE MADE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN EARN MONEY DURING OUR GROWTH PERIOD WITH-OUT DOING ANYTHING EXCESSIVE.
SHE WANTS US TO EARN MONEY AS SOON AS WE CAN, BUT SHE ALSO WANTS US TO LAST A LONG TIME.
EVEN THE BIRDCAGE PLAZA WASN'T MADE BE-CAUSE SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT OUR BODIES.

She's not even lamenting that fact...
?
WHAT IS IT?
SO JUST MAKING A DESPERATE PLEA WON'T WORK.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR HER TO GAIN IF SHE WERE TO SHELTER US.
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY'D STILL BE AIMING FOR EACH OTHER'S TERRITORIES. ANYWAY.
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT EITHER.
WE CAN PREVENT THE FACTION WAR, CAN'T WE?
NOTHING BUT IF WE CAN INFORM HER OF THE SITUATION,
BUT SHE'LL STILL GLADLY PROCEED WITH THE WAR.
SHE MIGHT PUNISH TOPPER FOR HIS BETRAYAL,
What about the war damage?
Then...
It certainly is...
War, is it...?
GRIP

BROTHER KREIS...
THE GUYS AT THE BACK DOOR ARE READY.
SFX: JARIIIN
SFX: CLACK Y-3
LISTEN UP.
scratch scratch
IN THIS TOWN, MURDER ISN'T A CRIME.
LET LOOSE ALL YOU WANT!!
Ooh, scary...
LET'S GO!
DASH


BAM
IT'S EMPTY?
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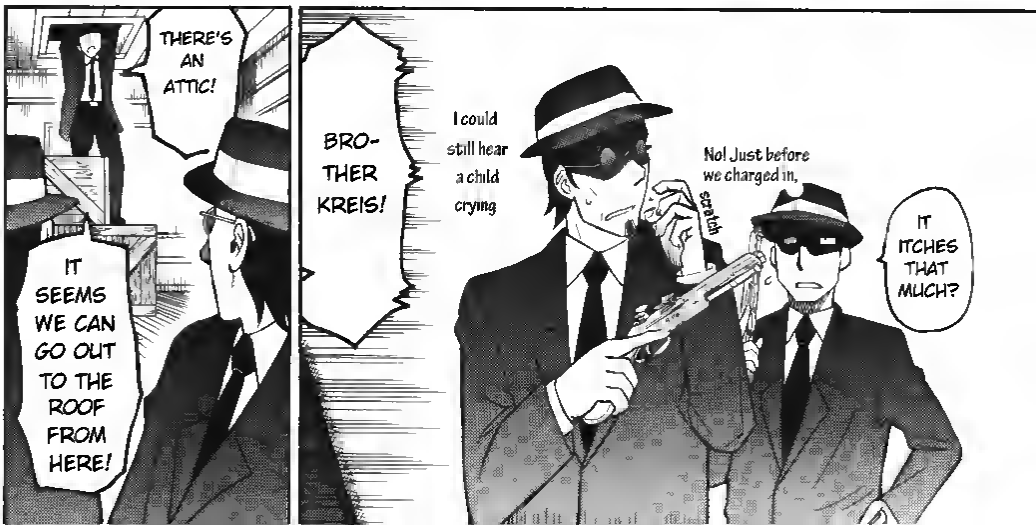
THERE'S AN ATTIC!
IT SEEMS WE CAN GO OUT TO THE ROOF FROM HERE!
BRO-THER KREIS!
I could still hear a child crying
No! Just before we charged in,
scratch
IT ITCHES THAT MUCH?

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BAM
gong
gong
THEY ESCAPED THROUGH THE ROOF!
SHIT!
LONG ENOUGH TO SCRATCH MY BACK WITH!
ANY-THING THAT'S ...
ALSO, GET ME A ROD!
SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR THEM!

IT'S HERE.
THANK GOD, IT'S STILL VACANT.
THIS IS THE TUMBLE WEED'S SECOND HIDEOUT.
That house we were in was the third
LAST NIGHT, I WAS ATTACKED THREE TIMES UNDER THE BRIDGE...
WHEW... THAT WAS HEAVY...
YOU AL- RIGHT?
I TOLD YOU TO LET ME CARRY IT FOR YOU...
startle
!

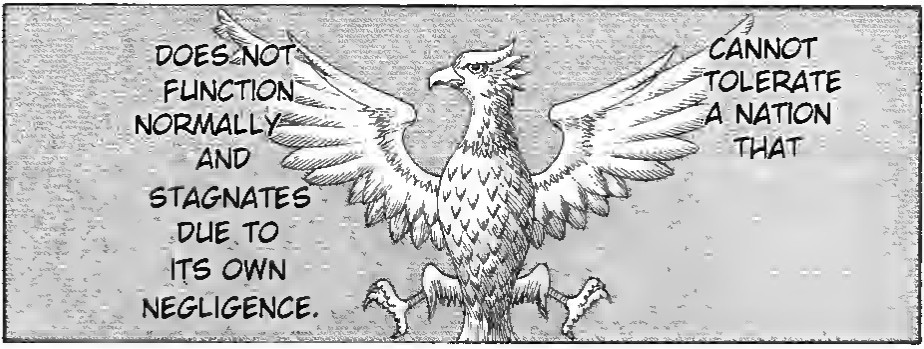
.....
MY UNDER-WEAR'S IN THAT BAG!
AH... THAT'S ...
ガバッ
NOW THEN, I RE-CALL THAT ...
HM? WHAT IS IT?
TUG TUG
THOUGH, HE WAS A BUSINESS-MAN...
JUST RECENTLY, I HAD A BIT OF AN EX-CHANGE WITH SOMEONE OF THE SAME NAME.
No...
WHAT? SOME-ONE YOU KNOW?
YOU SAID "LONDARIO?"
TOPPER WAS COLLECTING NEWSPAPER FROM THE OUTSIDE,
AND HE ONLY READ ARTICLES ABOUT THAT PERSON.
I'M SURE IT'S THE SAME PERSON.

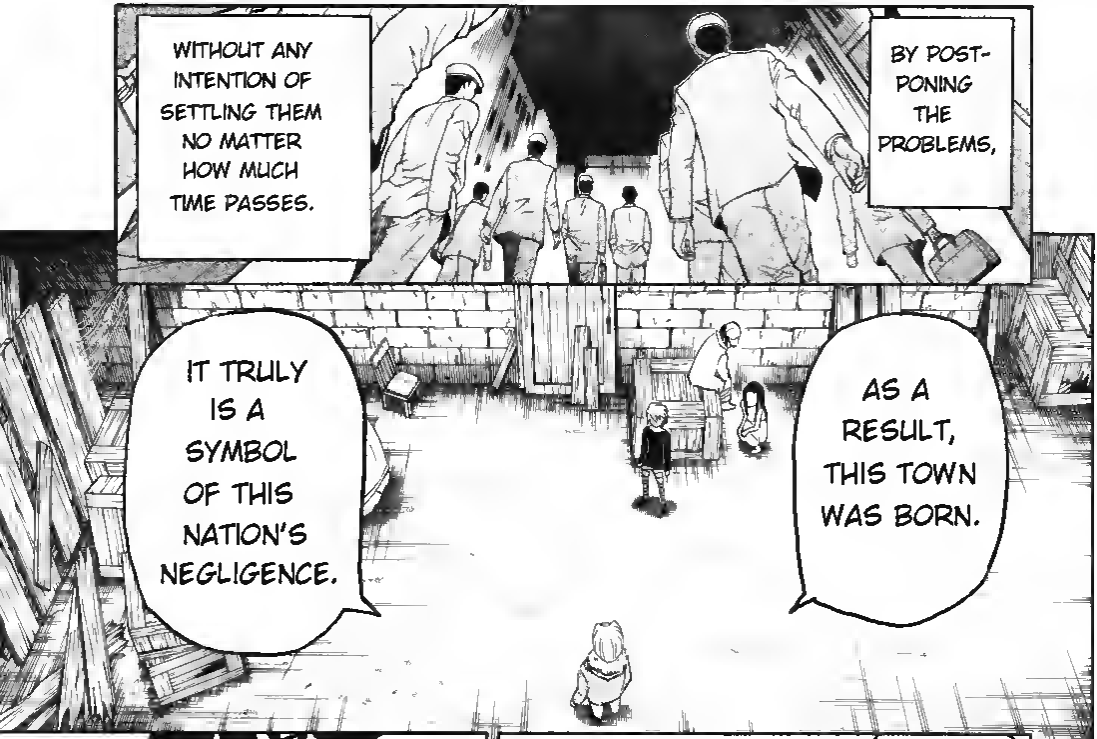
LONDARIO IS
.....
SOMETHING LIKE CREATING CHAOS SO HE CAN STEAL THE BOSS' SEAT?
WHAT WOULD HE HOPE TO GAIN BY LEADING US INTO A FACTION WAR?

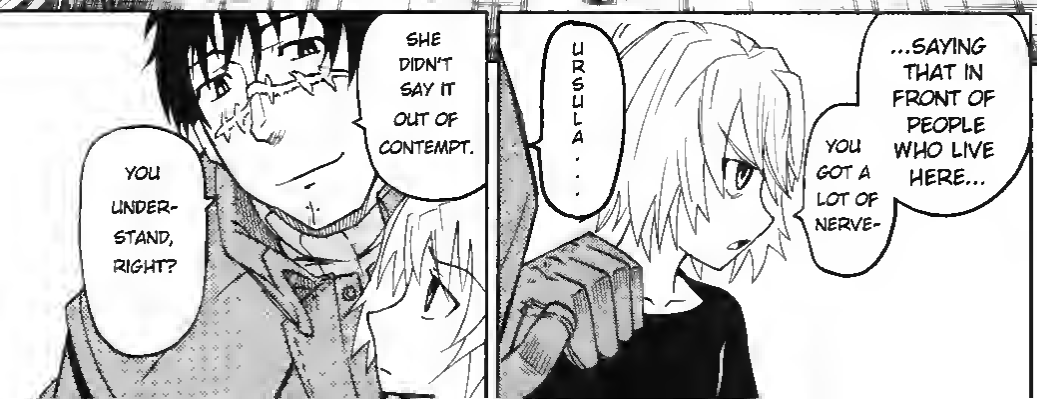
THE WHOLE TOWN ITSELF.
PROBABLY TRYING TO ERADICATE

Most likely, he...

HAAA!?
WHAT THE HELL!?

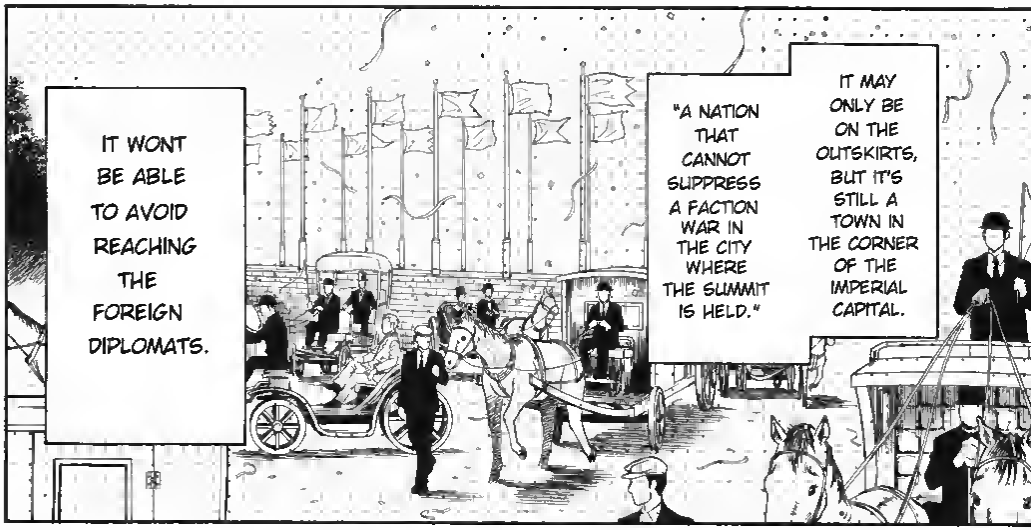

CANNOT TOLERATE A NATION THAT
DOES NOT FUNCTION NORMALLY AND STAGNATES DUE TO ITS OWN NEGLIGENCE.

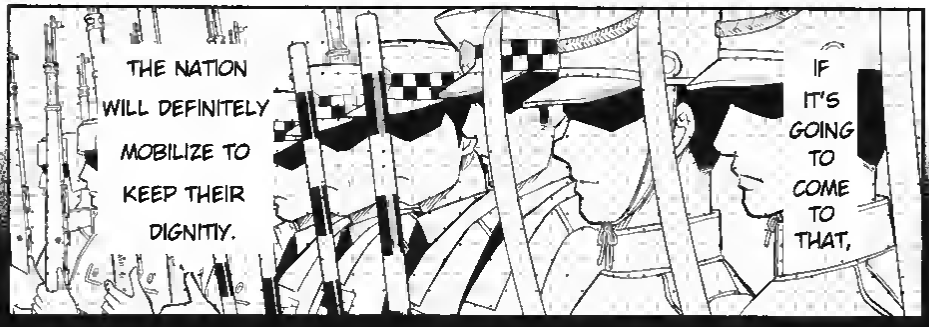

BY POST-PONING THE PROBLEMS,
WITHOUT ANY INTENTION OF SETTLING THEM NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES.
AS A RESULT, THIS TOWN WAS BORN.
IT TRULY IS A SYMBOL OF THIS NATION'S NEGLIGENCE.

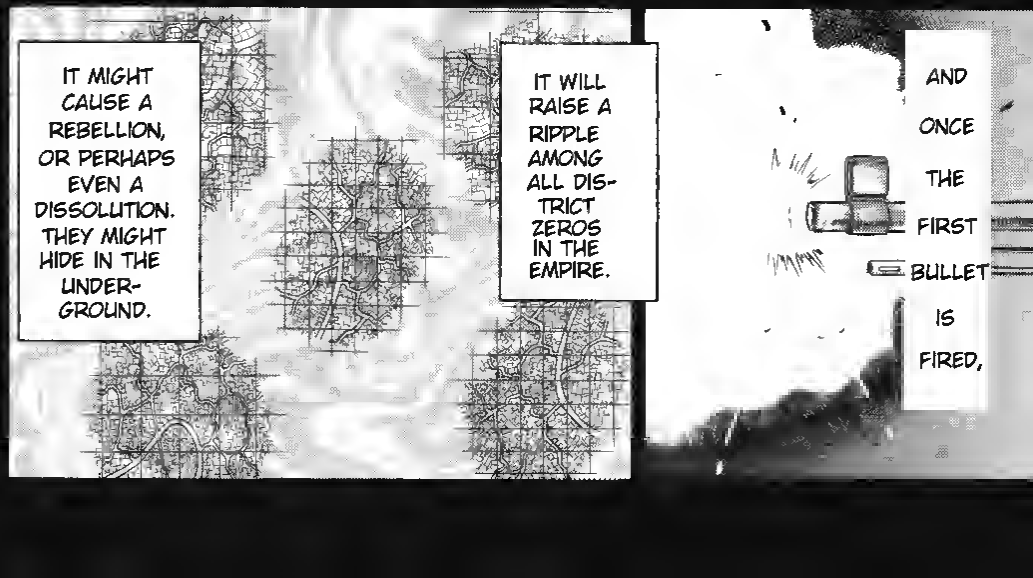

...SAYING THAT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE...
URSULA...
YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE-
SHE DIDN'T SAY IT OUT OF CONTEMPT.
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

pat pat
WELL, IT IS THE TRUTH.
BUT LIEU-TENANT, ISN'T HE GOING TOO FAR?
IT'S A SYMBOL FOR SOME-THING HE HATES, SO HE WANTS TO ERADICATE THIS TOWN?
AND IT'S ONLY A FACTION WAR,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT ESCALATES, IT CAN'T POSSIBLY ERADICATE THE TOWN ITSELF.
HE COULD BE PLANNING TO SEND TROOPS TO FINISH US OFF WHEN EVERY-ONE IS WEAKENED FROM FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES!
EVEN SO,
HE'D NEED AN ARMY FOR THAT.
IT IS THE ARMY.

NOT JUST THE ARMY, THE POLICE AS WELL. EVERY PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION IN THIS NATION
WILL SET OUT TO SUPRESS THIS TOWN.
HAH! EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD NEVER INTERFERED WITH US UNTIL NOW?
No way they'd do it this time—
"UNTIL NOW," THAT IS, BUT THIS TIME,
IT IS ONE MONTH BEFORE THE NAVI-EURO SUMMIT IS HELD!!


IT WONT BE ABLE TO AVOID REACHING THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.
"A NATION THAT CANNOT SUPPRESS A FACTION WAR IN THE CITY WHERE THE SUMMIT IS HELD."
IT MAY ONLY BE ON THE OUTSKIRTS, BUT IT'S STILL A TOWN IN THE CORNER OF THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.


THE NATION WILL DEFINITELY MOBILIZE TO KEEP THEIR DIGNITIY.
IF IT'S GOING TO COME TO THAT,

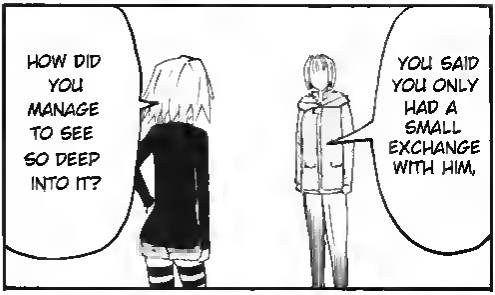

IT MIGHT CAUSE A REBELLION, OR PERHAPS EVEN A DISSOLUTION. THEY MIGHT HIDE IN THE UNDER-GROUND.
IT WILL RAISE A RIPPLE AMONG ALL DIS-TRICT ZEROS IN THE EMPIRE.
AND ONCE THE FIRST BULLET IS FIRED,

THEY CAN HANDLE THAT!
WHEN THE NATION'S STRENGTH ISN'T BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE FRONT LINES.
BUT RIGHT NOW,
BUT IT COULD BE JUST WHAT HE WANTED.
OF COURSE, THE DAMAGE WILL BE GREAT.
THAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF A STRONG NATION, AND HE'S TRYING TO MAKE THE EMPIRE HOLD THAT IMAGE BEFORE THE SUMMIT.
THE NATION THAT CAN ENDURE THE DAMAGES.
THE NATION THAT ENFORCES ITS REIGN.

WHILE KNOWING THAT THE EMPIRE CAN HOLD OUT FOR A MOMENT,
SO IT CAN SURVIVE THE JOINT SUMMIT.
GIVING THE EMPIRE A TRACK RECORD OF BEING A POWERFUL NATION
DEMONSTRATE OUR POWER WITHOUT GLOSSING OVER THINGS!
IN ORDER TO MAKE A "STRONG NATION..."
HIS REAL GOAL IS TO FIX THE NEGLIGENCE ITSELF.
ERASING THE SYMBOL OF THE EMPIRE'S NEGLIGENCE, DISTRICT ZERO, IS ONLY THE MEANS TO AN END.
THE FEELING OF DESPERATELY HAVING TO WORK.
TO REMIND THE NATION THAT HAS FORGOTTEN

IF THIS FACTION WAR HAPPENED
IF, FOR EXAMPLE,
SO THEY CAN POST-PONE THE JOINT SUMMIT WITHOUT HAVING TO BE ASHAMED.
IT MIGHT BE SEEN AS AN UN-FORESEEN CIRCUM-STANCE,
IF IT WERE TEN DAYS EAR-LIER.
THE COUNTRY WOULD JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH, WAITING FOR IT TO SUBSIDE NATURALLY.
HALF A YEAR BEFORE THE JOINT SUMMIT,
ONE MONTH PRIOR ...!!
THAT IS...
THE TIME WHERE IT WILL BE A DISGRACE IF IT IS NOT DEALT WITH
THE TIME WHERE THEY CANNOT JUST WAIT AND SEE.

LONDARIO IS TRYING TO START A FACTION WAR THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN
TO OCCUR IN THAT ONE-MONTH-EARLIER PERIOD OF TIME!


HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SEE SO DEEP INTO IT?
YOU SAID YOU ONLY HAD A SMALL EXCHANGE WITH HIM,

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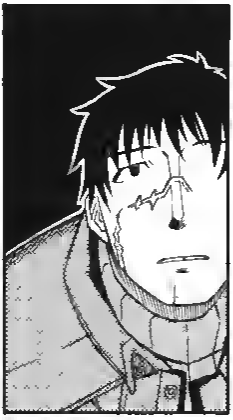
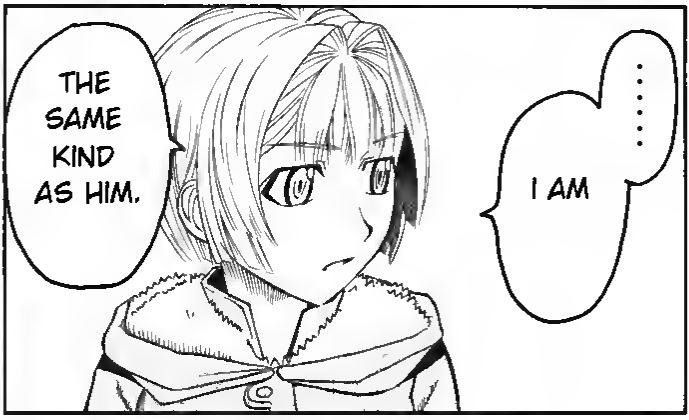
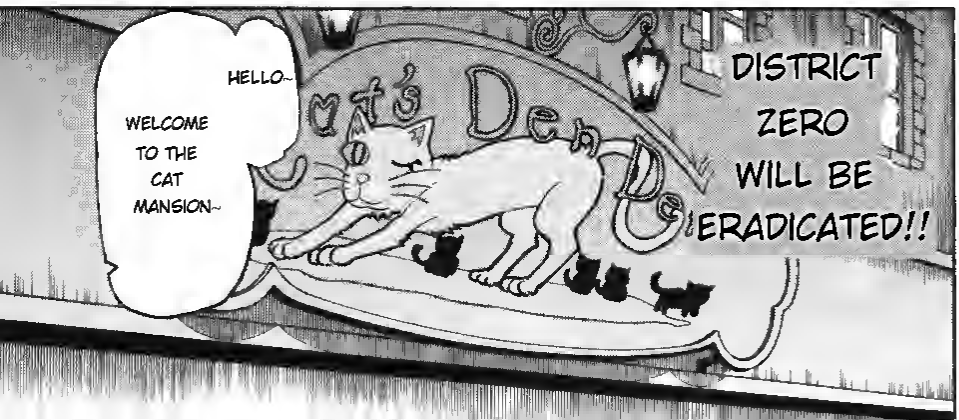



THE SAME KIND AS HIM.
I AM .....

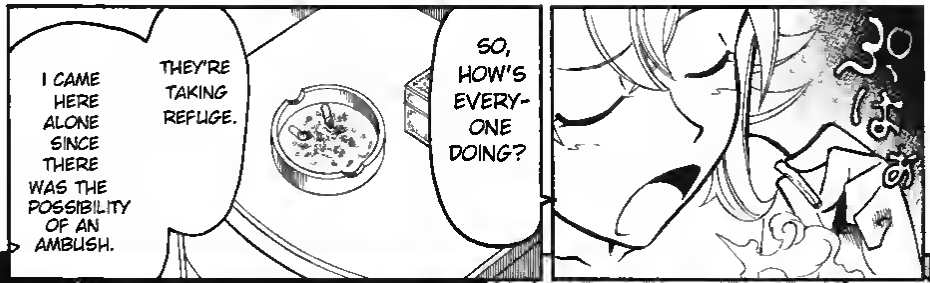
THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THAT THIS TOWN HAS NO LAW.
WITHOUT LAW, THINGS LIKE ARRESTS AND RESTRAINTS ARE NOT POSSIBLE
A SUPPRESSION WITHOUT ARRESTS AND RESTRAINTS
IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
gulp
IF WE CAN'T PREVENT THIS FACTION WAR...

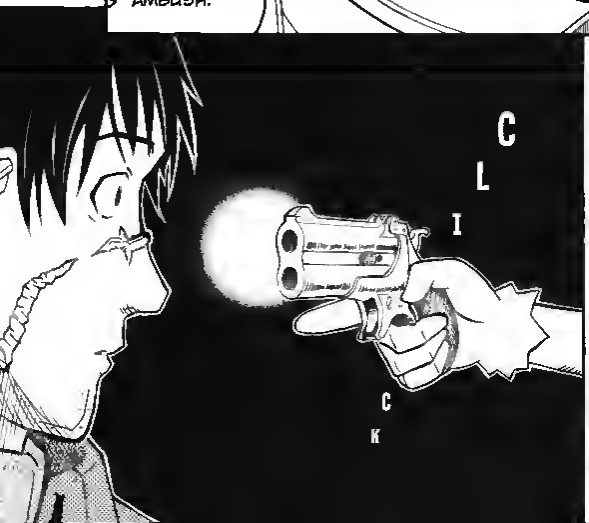

HELLO~
WELCOME TO THE CAT MANSION~
DISTRICT ZERO WILL BE ERADICATED!!

MEOW
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE CATNIP COURSE MEOW~ MY NAME IS AKASIA MEOW~
WELL THEN, MASTER, LET'S MEOW MEOW A LOT MEOW!
MEOW
MEO
MEOW
ERR...
YO, AKASIA.
BEEN A WHILE.
...RAN...
...DEL...?
SFX: MEOOOOOOWCH

WHAT THE FUCK!?
DON'T GO TO YOUR FAMILY'S WORK-PLACE!!
RATHER, DON'T PICK YOUR OWN FAMILY!
I HAD NO CHOICE.
THEY SAID ONLY CUSTOMERS COULD COME IN...

WELL, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT,
I'LL MEOW MEOW WITH YOU...
ABOVE? BELOW? WHICH ONE?
NO WAY.


SO, HOW'S EVERY-ONE DOING?
THEY'RE TAKING REFUGE.
I CAME HERE ALONE SINCE THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AMBUSH.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HEY, AKASIA,
CAN YOU CONTACT GRANDMA?
rummage

YOU'RE STILL SO EASILY SCARED~
WHAT THE...?!
THAT'S DANGER-OUS!
SOME DAYS AGO, EVERY-ONE HERE WAS TOLD
THAT GRANDMA IS EAGER TO GO TO WAR.
THEN ALL THE MORE REA-SON FOR YOU TO QUICKLY CONTACT GRANDMA-
YOU KNOW,
IF A COMMON SOLDIER SAYS HE WANTS TO TALK,
WILL THE GENERAL SIMPLY GO MEET HIM?
IT'S THE SAME.
AN UNDER-LING LIKE ME-
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT URSULA AND EVERYONE !?
RANDEL,
NEITHER YOU OR I ARE TUMBLE WEEDS ANYMORE
WE ARE "EX-" TUMBLE WEEDS.

BUT IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THE RULE, TUMBLE WEED WILL BECOME SO LARGE THAT IT WILL BECOME AN "ORGANIZATION."
WELL, IT'S FINE IF WE VISIT FROM TIME TO TIME...
THAT'S THE RULE.
WHEN WE'RE OLD ENOUGH TO NOT BE CALLED A BRAT, WE GRADUATE.
BUT...
BEING SMALL IS IMPORTANT.
IF THAT HAPPENS, WE WOULD ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE FOUR FACTIONS.
sigh
GEEZ ...
HE REALLY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL...
ALRIGHT, I GET IT.
BUT WE CAN'T SEE GRANDMA DIRECTLY.
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE REGULAR PATROL.
I CAN LET YOU MEET THE TOP BRASS
IN CHARGE OF SECURITY.
There's no other way meow~
AKASIA!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...
YOU'RE A SOLDIER, DID YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON A FEMALE SOLDIER'S UNIFORM?
WELL THEN, I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU

THAT'S WRONG.
"M" IS WRITTEN LIKE THIS.
SFX: scratch scratch

I HATE STUDYING...
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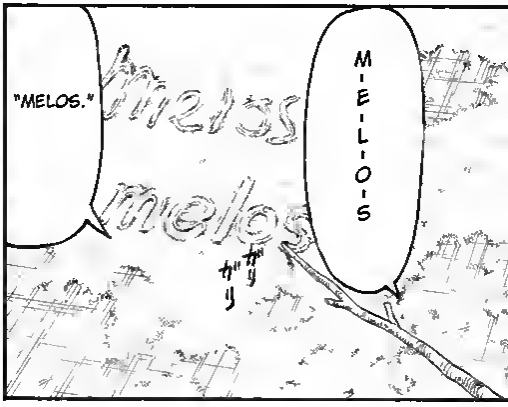
YOU HAVE TO!
YOU CAN GET MORE JOBS.


M-E-L-O-S
"MELOS."

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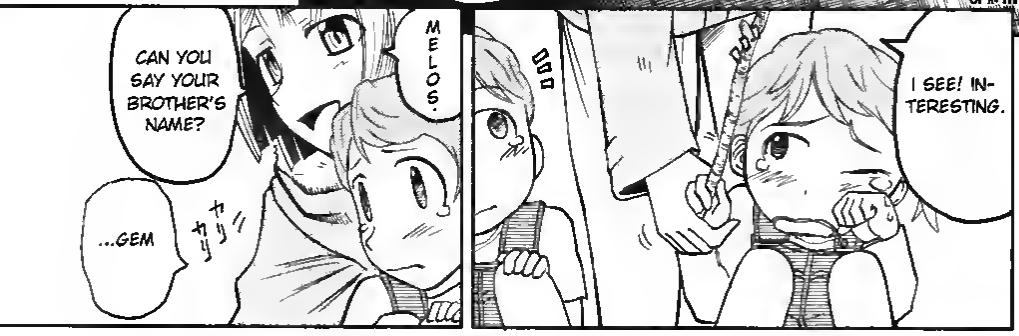
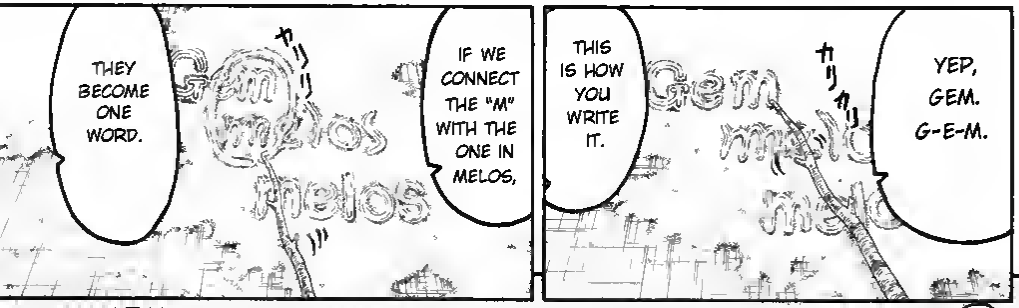
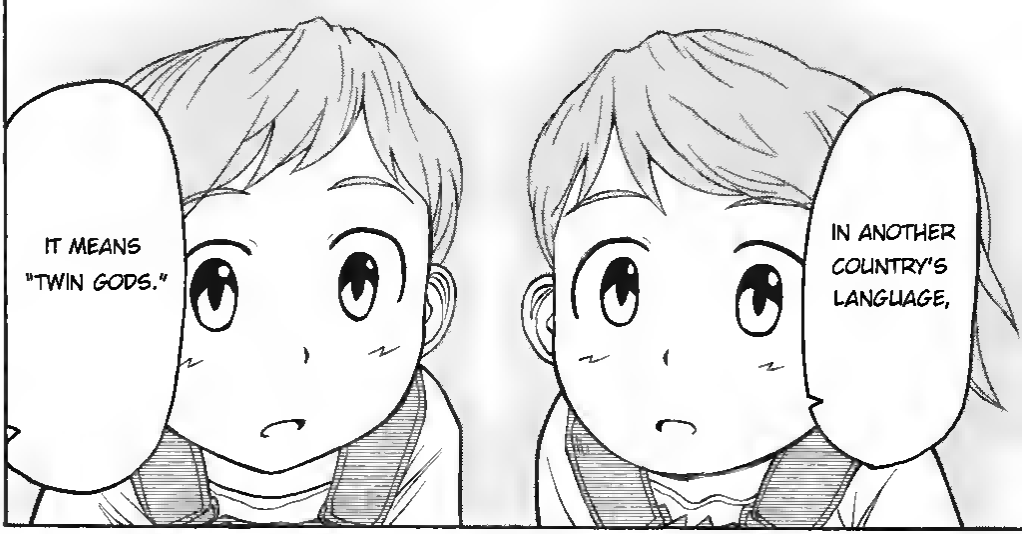
I WANNA GO HOME~
MELOS!
I HATE BIG BRO~
WHA-!?
SFX: HWEEEEEE

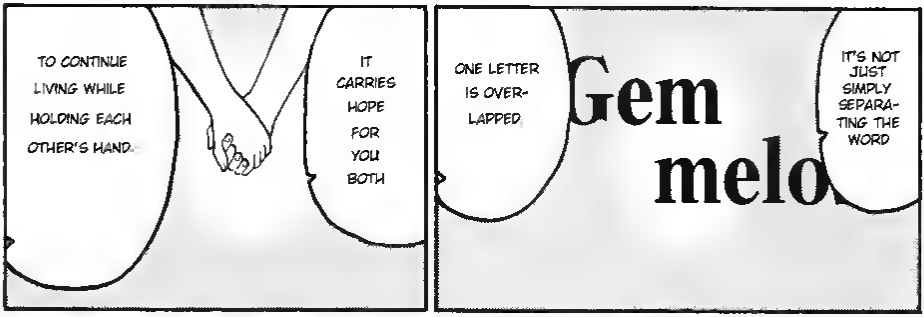

I SEE! INTERESTING.
MELOS.
CAN YOU SAY YOUR BROTHER'S NAME?
...GEM

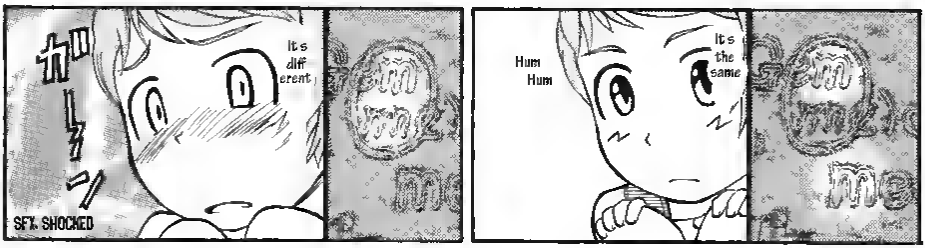

YEP, GEM. G-E-M.
THIS IS HOW YOU WRITE IT.
IF WE CONNECT THE "M" WITH THE ONE IN MELOS,
THEY BECOME ONE WORD.

Gemelos

"GEMELOS"...?
NO, ACTUALLY, IT'S PRONOUNCED AS "HEMELOS."


IT MEANS "TWIN GODS."
IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S LANGUAGE,


TO CONTINUE LIVING WHILE HOLDING EACH OTHER'S HAND.
IT CARRIES HOPE FOR YOU BOTH
ONE LETTER IS OVER-LAPPED
Gem melo
IT'S NOT JUST SIMPLY SEPARA-TING THE WORD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SFX: SHOCKED
It's diff erent
Hum Hum
It's the same

...YOU'RE A SCARY GIRL...
I LIKE BIG BRO!
Y... YEAH!
Hurry!
BIG BRO! I WANT TO STUDY!

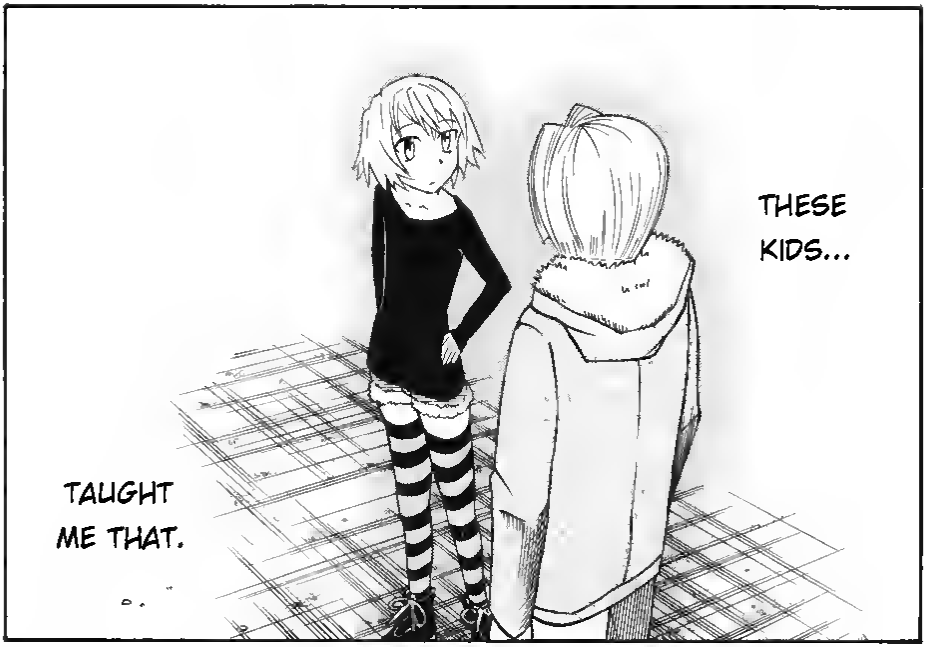
THAT NAME...
BIG BROTHER ABEL THOUGHT IT UP.
HE'S THE SMARTEST OF US.
EARLIER, YOU SAID THAT
.....
YOU'RE THE SAME KIND AS HIM.
WHY IS THAT?

BOTH ME AND HIM...
WE PUSH OUR OWN METHODS ON OTHER PEOPLE.
NO.
I DO NOT REGRET THAT.
THERE ARE THINGS THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT BEING LIKE THAT.

BUT... THAT MIGHT NOT BE ENTIRELY TRUE.

EVEN IF THERE IS A MEANS TOWARDS RELIEF, THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE TRUE NATURE OF IT.

THEN, WHAT IS THE TRUE NATURE OF WAR RELIEF?


THESE KIDS...
TAUGHT ME THAT.

?

I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU NOW!
LONDARIO, THE ANSWER TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE...

I SEE...
AND TOPPER WENT MISSING TOO.
IF THERE WERE ANY, THEN THE SITUATION WOULD HAVE EXPLODED LONG AGO.
IT'S TRUE THAT WITH THE NUMBER OF FIRE ACCIDENTS, THERE STILL HASN'T BEEN ANY DEATHS.
THAT'S WHY, PLEASE TELL GRANDMA QUICKLY!
BUT WHY...
BUT STOPPING A FACTION WAR MAY BE DIFF-ICULT.
I'LL TELL HER.

THE BOLMONT FACTION MIGHT STILL START THE WAR WITH US.
EVEN IF WE MANAGE TO RESOLVE IT PEACEFULLY ON OUR SIDE,
THEN THE OTHER TWO FACTIONS WILL ALSO BEGIN TO RUSH INTO OUR TERRITORY.
IF AT THAT TIME, WE CAN'T RETALIATE, THEN IT'LL MAKE US LOOK WEAK
OUR TERRITORY WILL BE DESTROYED BY DISTRICT ZERO.
Meow!
Hi meow!
BEFORE THE COUNTRY DESTROYS DISTRICT ZERO
KEEPOUT
THEN CAN YOU SAY THAT YOUR SIDE WILL ALSO NOT START IT?
IF BOLMONT WON'T START THE WAR,
THEN,
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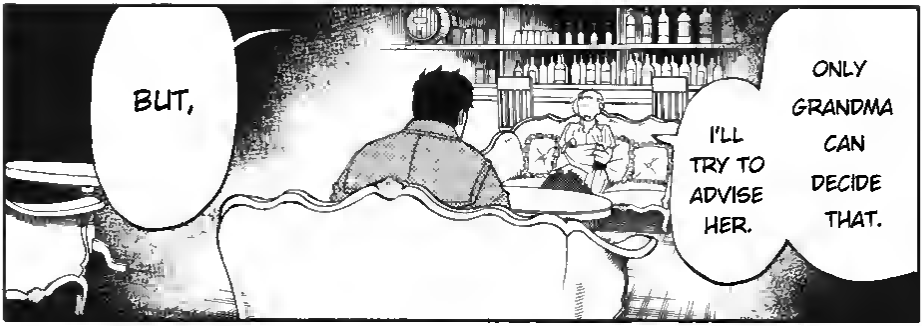
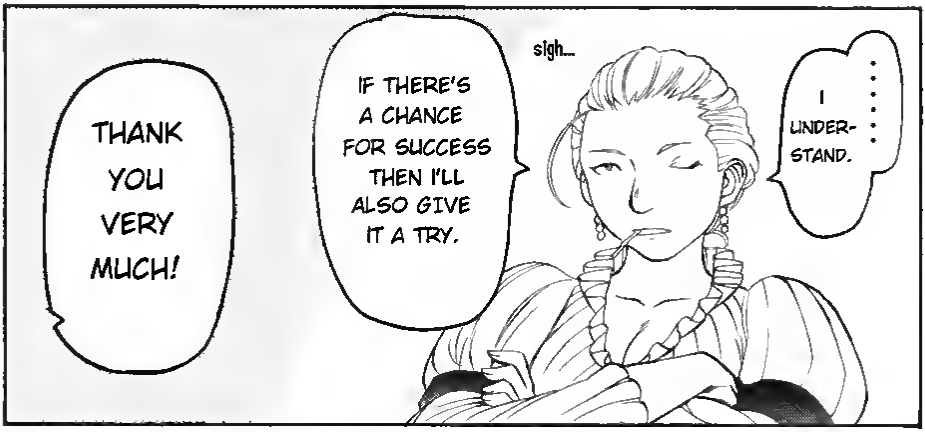

BUT,
I'LL TRY TO ADVISE HER.
ONLY GRANDMA CAN DECIDE THAT.

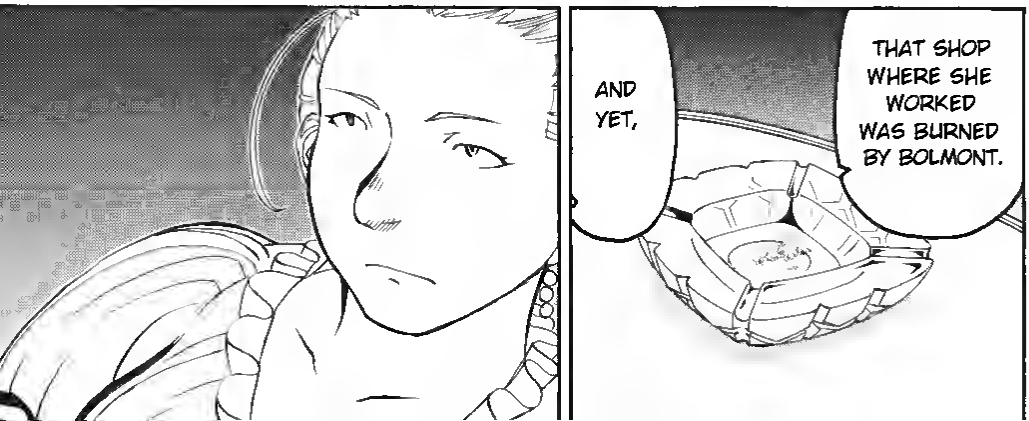
YOU CAN NEGO-TIATE WITH?
IS THERE SOMEONE AT BOLMONT

MY BROTHER WORKS AT BOLMONT'S PLACE AS AN ACCOUNTANT.
I'LL SEE IF I CAN RELY ON HIM FOR THIS.


THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IF THERE'S A CHANCE FOR SUCCESS THEN I'LL ALSO GIVE IT A TRY.
sigh...
I UNDER-STAND.

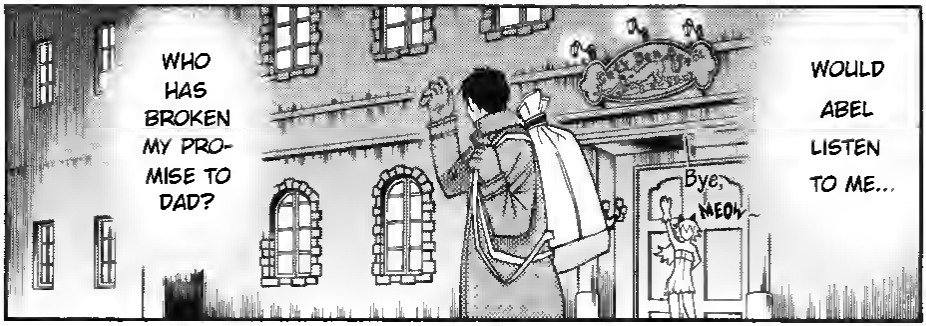
AREN'T YOU THE KID WHO WAS WITH KADESH?
RANDEL, AREN'T YOU?
BY THE WAY, YOU ARE...

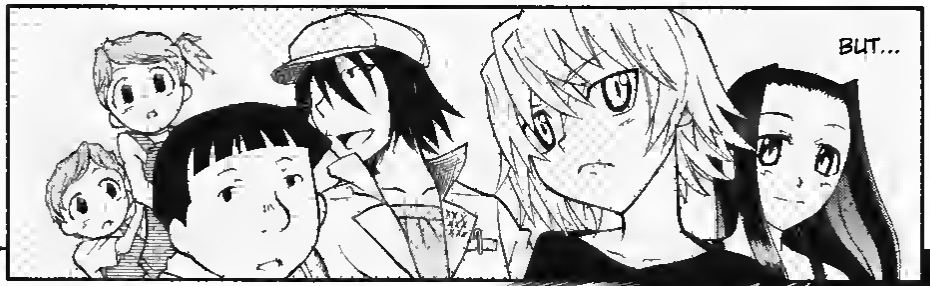
...YES.


AND YET,
THAT SHOP WHERE SHE WORKED WAS BURNED BY BOLMONT.

YOU DON'T INTEND TO
EXACT REVENGE ON THEM?
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
RANDEL...
I'VE ALREADY CARRIED OUT THE REVENGE
SO...

YOU MUST NOT
KILL!
THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A CERTAIN IMPERTINENT GROUP WITHIN THE BOLMONT PARTY.
DAD ALREADY KILLED THE ARSONIST WHO BURNED MOM'S WORKPLACE.
THOSE HANDS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE SAVING PEOPLE
HAD CHOKED SOMEONE TO DEATH.
I ASKED SOMETHING THAT WAS NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
SORRY.





I WILL DEFINITELY PREVENT THIS FACTION WAR!

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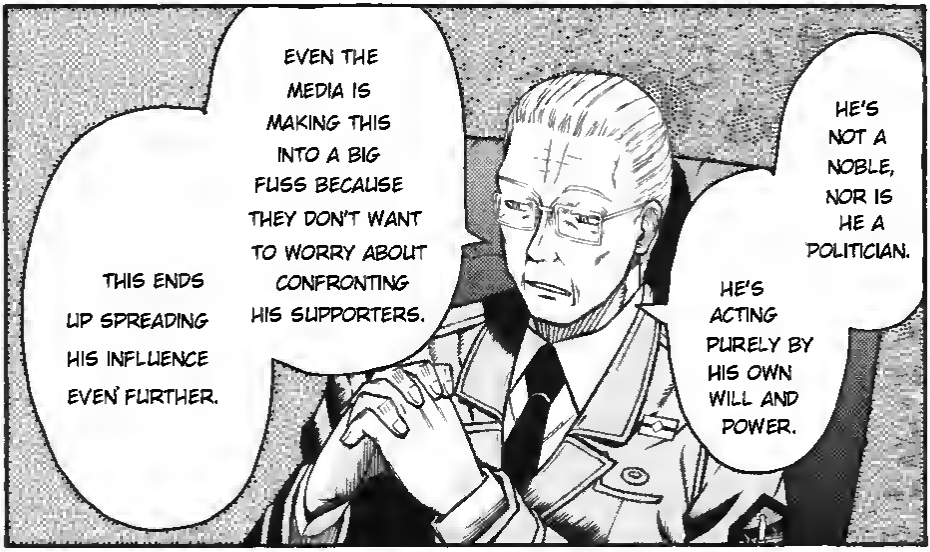
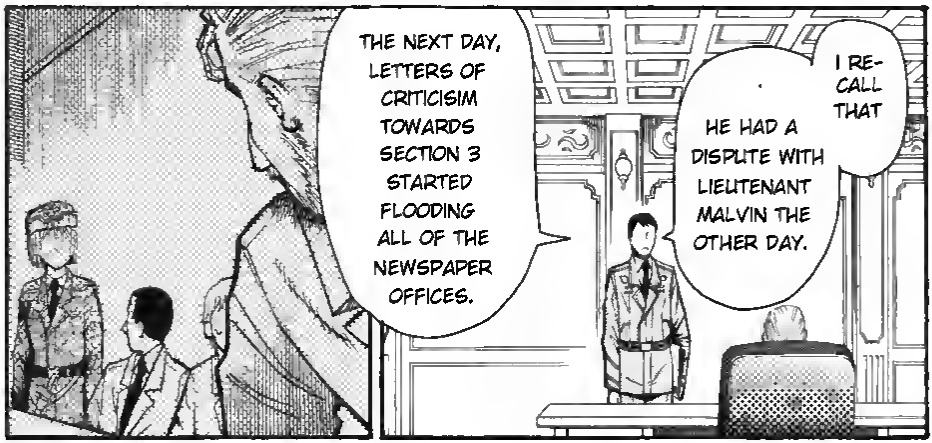
THIS LONDARIO GUY...
HE'S IN A VERY INTERESTING POSITION.


HE'S NOT A NOBLE, NOR IS HE A POLITICIAN.
HE'S ACTING PURELY BY HIS OWN WILL AND POWER.
EVEN THE MEDIA IS MAKING THIS INTO A BIG FUSS BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT CONFRONTING HIS SUPPORTERS.
THIS ENDS UP SPREADING HIS INFLUENCE EVEN FURTHER.


I RECALL THAT HE HAD A DISPUTE WITH LIEUTENANT MALVIN THE OTHER DAY.
THE NEXT DAY, LETTERS OF CRITICISIM TOWARDS SECTION 3 STARTED FLOODING ALL OF THE NEWSPAPER OFFICES.

IN THAT SENSE,
IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR AUTHORITY A CERTAIN DEGREE OF ANXIETY IN SOCIETY IS REQUIRED.
UNDERSTOOD.
WE'LL COLLECT ALL OF HIS CRITICISMS TOWARDS SECTION 3 UNTIL THE NEXT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.
WE'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS TIME.
AN INSTIGATOR COMING FROM THE INSIDE OF THE POPULACE IS NEEDED.
AND USE IT AS EVIDENCE TO ATTACK SECTION 3.
WE'LL PRESENT IT AS A "REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC OPINION."

See You Next Time!

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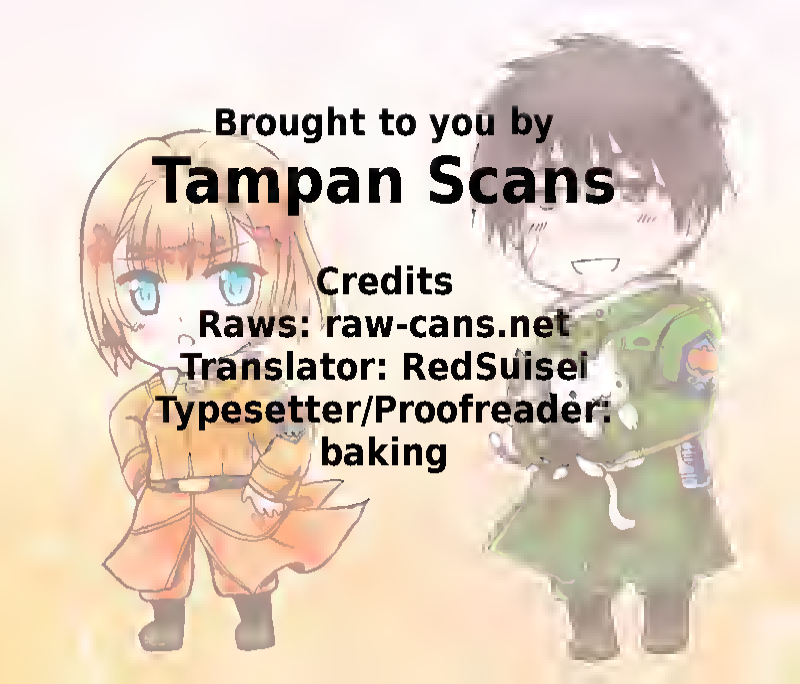
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